

BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation )  
Against: )

STEPHEN M. SOREFF, M.D. )  
Certificate No. G-23818 )

Respondent. )  
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No. D-4548

DECISION


The attached stipulation is hereby adopted by the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of California as its decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on September 18, 1992.

IT IS OR ORDERED August 19, 1992.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

By:

  
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11 In the Matter of the Accusation	)	No. D-4548
Against:	)	
12 STEPHEN MICHAEL SOREFF, M.D.	)	SURRENDER OF
13 13 Uxbridge Street	)	CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE
14 Worcester, MA 01605	)	<u>MEDICINE</u>
15 Respondent.	)	

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17 Respondent, Stephen M. Soreff, M.D., by and through his  
18 counsel, Christina Crawford, and the Medical Board of California,  
19 through its counsel Deputy Attorney General Jana L. Tuton, do  
20 hereby enter into the following stipulation:

21 1. Respondent, Stephen M. Soreff, M.D., hereby  
22 acknowledges receipt of Accusation No. D-4548, Statement to  
23 Respondent, and copies of the Notice of Defense form. Respondent  
24 has read and reviewed Accusation No. D-4548, Statement to  
25 Respondent, and has filed a timely Notice of Defense.

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1           2.   Respondent has retained Christina Crawford as  
2 legal counsel and has counseled with her regarding the charges  
3 against him and this settlement.

4           3.   Respondent is aware of his rights to a hearing on  
5 the allegations contained in Accusation No. D-4548, his right to  
6 reconsideration, appeal, and any and all rights which may be  
7 accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and the  
8 laws of the State of California with regard to the Accusation.

9           4.   Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily waives  
10 his right to a hearing, reconsideration, appeal and any and all  
11 rights which may be accorded by the California Administrative  
12 Procedure Act and the laws of the State of California with regard  
13 to Accusation No. D-4548.

14           5.   Respondent admits that his license is subject to  
15 discipline pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2305  
16 in that he permanently surrendered his license to practice  
17 medicine in the State of Maine as a result of disciplinary  
18 proceedings against him.

19           6.   Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily  
20 surrenders his physician's and surgeon's certificate entitling  
21 him to practice medicine in the State of California. Respondent  
22 agrees not to apply to the Division of Medical Quality for  
23 reinstatement as a physician and surgeon in California for at  
24 least five years from the effective date of this stipulation.  
25 Respondent understands that upon acceptance of this surrender by  
26 the Division of Medical Quality, respondent shall not have the  
27 right to practice medicine in the State of California and will

1 lose all rights and privileges accorded by his licensure as a  
2 physician and surgeon in California.

3 7. The parties agree that the document shall be null  
4 and void and not binding upon the parties unless it is approved  
5 by the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of  
6 California.

7 DATE: *July 27, 1992*

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16 DATED: *July 8, 1992*

17 *Christine E. Crawford*  
18 CHRISTINA CRAWFORD, ESQ.

19 Attorney for Respondent

20 DATED: *July 1, 1992.*

21 *Stephen M. Soreff*  
22 STEPHEN M. SOREFF, M.D.

23 Respondent  
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Against: )  
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STEPHEN MICHAEL SOREFF, M.D. ) ACCUSATION  
13 13 Uxbridge Street )  
Worcester, MA 01605 )  
14 Physician and Surgeon )  
Certificate No. G23818, )  
15 Respondent. )  
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17 Kenneth J. Wagstaff, Executive Director, for causes  
18 for discipline, alleges:

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20 1. Complainant Kenneth J. Wagstaff makes and files  
21 this accusation in his official capacity as Executive  
22 Director, Medical Board of California, Division of Medical  
23 Quality, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

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25 2. On December 7, 1972, the Medical Board of  
26 California issued Physician and Surgeon Certificate Number  
27 G23818 to Stephen Michael Soreff, M.D. The license was in

1 full force and effect at all times pertinent herein and has  
2 been renewed through December 31, 1992.

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4 3. Under Business and Professions Code section  
5 2234, the Division of Medical Quality may take action against  
6 any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. The  
7 revocation, suspension, or other discipline by another state  
8 of a license or certificate to practice medicine issued by  
9 that state, or the revocation, suspension or restriction of  
10 the authority to practice medicine by any agency of the  
11 federal government constitutes grounds for disciplinary  
12 action for unprofessional conduct against a licensee under  
13 Business and Professions Code section 2305.

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15 4. Respondent has subjected his certificate to  
16 discipline under Business and Professions Code section 2305  
17 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that on April 16,  
18 1990, respondent entered into a written Consent Agreement and  
19 Court Order wherein he agreed to the following:

20 (1) The Administrative Court has jurisdiction  
21 over him in the action filed by the Board of  
22 Registration in Medicine to revoke respondent's  
23 license;

24 (2) Solely for the purposes of licensure in  
25 Maine or elsewhere, he does not contest the  
26 allegations set forth in the Amended Complaint;

27 (3) Upon execution of this Order, he shall

1 permanently surrender his license to practice  
2 medicine in the State of Maine;

3 (4) Respondent agreed not to practice medicine  
4 or provide therapy or counseling of any nature in  
5 the State of Maine;

6 (5) Respondent agreed not to apply for  
7 licensure to practice medicine in the State of  
8 Maine; and

9 (6) If, at any time, respondent applies for  
10 licensure to practice medicine or counseling in any  
11 other state or jurisdiction, then respondent agreed  
12 not to contest any of the allegations made in the  
13 Amended Complaint.

14 On April 24, 1990, the State of Maine Administrative Court  
15 ordered respondent to permanently surrender his license to  
16 practice medicine in that state and permanently enjoined  
17 respondent from practicing medicine in that state in a  
18 Consent Agreement and Court Order filed in Administrative  
19 Court, Docket Number 88-96, entitled State of Maine and Board  
20 of Registration in Medicine v. Stephen Soreff, M.D. for  
21 incompetence and unprofessional conduct for sexual activity  
22 with three women who were his psychotherapy patients.

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24 WHEREFORE, complainant prays that a hearing be held  
25 and that the Division of Medical Quality issue an order:

26 1. Revoking or suspending Physician and Surgeon  
27 Certificate Number G23818, issued to Stephen Michael

1 Soreff, M.D.

2 2. Prohibiting Stephen Michael Soreff, M.D. from  
3 supervising a physician's assistant.

4 3. Taking such other and further action as may be  
5 deemed proper and appropriate.

6 DATED: June 18, 1991

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Kenneth J. Wagstaff, Executive Director

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California Medical Board  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California

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Complainant

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